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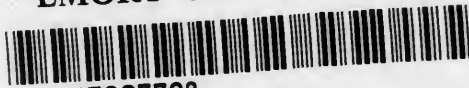
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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY.

CLAYTON COUNTY, GA.,  
POPLAR SPRING CHURCH, Thursday, Nov. 6, 1873.

The forty-third Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Georgia District, convened pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, President, being absent, the Conference was called to order, with religious services, by Rev. J. O. A. Radford, President pro tem., and Bro. G. P. Southerlin, Secretary pro tem.

The roll of ministers was called. Present: J. O. A. Radford, S. Moore, John G. Coldwell, George Harlin, I. G. Mitchell, T. E. Nash, G. P. Southerlin, H. G. Andrews, T. J. Biggers.

A Committee on Lay Credentials was appointed, consisting of Revs. I. G. Mitchell, George Harlin and T. E. Nash, who reported that the following brethren were entitled to seats in this Conference:

*Carroll Circuit*—D. J. Moore, G. L. Harris, John B. McDaniel, John W. Adamson, George W. Williams.

*Van Wert Circuit*—Robert Biggers, H. Gray, T. J. Lyle.

*Spalding Circuit*—T. J. Stephens, D. P. Tommie.

*Walton Circuit*—C. L. Bowie, John A. Abercrombie.

*Palmetto Circuit*—J. L. Barber, C. T. Hancock.

*Henry Circuit*—F. M. Ellis, John Wallace.

*Walker Circuit*—S. McWilliams.

*Gordon Circuit*—J. L. Phillips, T. M. Smith.

*DeKalb Circuit*—L. Bricentine, L. Simpson, A. J. Cook, B. T. Morris.

*Coweta Circuit*—W. P. Bryant, J. A. Byram.

The Rules of Order of the last Conference were read and adopted, for the government of this Conference.

Conference took a recess until 2 P. M., to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by the Rev. John G. Coldwell: Heb. xi ch., 1st v.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Conference reassembled.

On calling the roll of ministers, the following answered to their names: J. O. A. Radford, G. P. Southerlin, S. Moore, I. G. Mitchell, George Harlin, John G. Coldwell, T. E. Nash, H. G. Andrews, T. J. Biggers, E. B. Fendley, John Thurman, F. Weldon, D. C. Stokes, O. Reeves, F. H. M. Henderson, R. S. McGarrity, W. B. Armstrong, G. W. Morris, W. Shadrick, E. Morris, J. A. Farabee, S. H. Griffin, J. A. Belcher, and, on examination, their characters were passed.

The following ministers were absent: T. T. Key, E. D. Corley, A. W. Mitchell, J. M. Langford, J. N. Miller, S. C. Masters, T. A. Adams, J. A. McGarrity, J. Causey, T. M. Brooks, W. S. Johnson, A. D. McKensey, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Allen, Aaron Turner, J. R. Turner, W. J. Griffin, R. M. Aycock. They were represented to the Conference and their characters passed. C. W. Webb and S. W. Thacker not heard from.

Geo. Barge and Martin Hatcher, (colored ministers,) characters passed.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

On Pulpit Services—Brothers Hancock, Niles, and McWilliams.

On Journals—Brothers G. W. Morris, D. J. Moore, T. J. Lyle.

On Orders and Itinerancy—Jno. Thurman, Geo. Harlin, S. Moore, Jno. B. McDaniel, T. M. Smith.

On Boundaries—F. H. M. Henderson, Geo. Harlin, F. M. Ellis, H. Gray, T. C. Hancock, G. W. Morris.

On State of the Church—Jno. B. McDaniel, S. Moore, I. G. Mitchell, John T. Coldwell, D. J. Moore, R. Biggers.

On Finance—Jno. W. Adamson, G. L. Harris, Jno. G. Coldwell.

On Appeals—E. Morris, T. J. Biggers, T. J. Barber.

On Obituaries—G. P. Southerlin, I. G. Mitchell, Robt. Biggers.

On Expenses of Delegates to General Conference—G. W. Morris, O. Reeves, D. J. Moore.

On Statistics—H. G. Andrews, A. B. Fendley, W. B. Armstrong.

Executive Committee Missionary Society—I. G. Mitchell, W. B. Armstrong, E. Morris, Geo. Key, A. J. Cook, G. L. Morris.

Standing District Committee—Jno. G. Coldwell, F. H. M. Henderson, Jno. B. McDaniel, Jos. T. Crowel, Jno. W. Adamson.

Conference Steward—Jno. B. McDaniel.

Who are admitted on trial? Elisha Bays, Thos. M. Moore.

Who are deacons of the first year? W. J. Causey, Jos. A. McGarrity, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Brooks.

On Motion of I. G. Mitchell, that the election of President and Secretary be made the regular order of business to-morrow (Friday) at 2 P.M. Carried.

Conference now adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. Harlin, to meet to-morrow (Friday) at 8½ A.M.

## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Conference met and was opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer, by the Rev. Jno. Thurman, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, President, in the chair.

The roll was called. A quorum being present, the minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

On motion, the election of the Stationing Committee was taken up, and R. S. McGarrity, I. G. Mitchell, L. Simpson, Jno. W. Adamson, and A. J. Cook were elected.

On motion, the Boundary Committee, and the Committee on the State of the Church, make a joint committee, and report as early as practicable. Carried.

Brother W. P. Bryant was granted leave of absence.

The Conference took recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

Public services in the interim. Preaching by Rev. Geo. Harlin: Jude, 20th and 21st verses.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Conference reassembled.

The election of President and Secretary, being the regular order of business, was taken up with the following results:

J. O. A. Radford, President; Jno. G. Coldwell, Secretary; D. J. Moore, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the report of Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, the retiring President, be read. Carried.

On motion, That it be adopted and spread upon the Book of Records. Carried.

The Committee on Obituaries read the following report:

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that no deaths have thinned our ranks during this Conference year, and once more we are permitted to greet each other in the Conference room without bereavement and sorrow, and we sincerely thank God for past blessings and pray the assistance of His grace in our hearts, that we may continue our labor of love and magnify His name, which is blessed now and forever more.

G. P. SOUTHERLIN, Chairman.

On motion, it was taken up read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until to-morrow (Saturday) 8½ o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by I. G. Mitchell.

### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Conference met and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. T. J. Biggers, Rev. J. O. A. Radford, President, in the chair.

The roll was called, and, a quorum being present, the minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

The joint Committee on Boundaries and the State of the Church made the following report, which was



taken up, and, on motion, it was read and adopted by sections:

We, the Joint Committee on the Boundaries and the State of the Church beg leave to submit the following report:

The memorial from Missionary District No. 1, and referred to your Committee, was read, and we submit the following, in our judgment, to be the best interest of the Church:

We recommend that the preamble be adopted by this Conference.

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, We are convinced that an efficient itinerant system, as contemplated and provided for in our Constitution and Book of Discipline, is of vital importance to our Church; and, whereas, the fourth and fifth articles of the by-laws of the Georgia District Annual Conference, are, to our minds, rules that have and will continue to impair an efficient itinerant operation contrary to the letter and spirit of the law of the Church.

On motion, the Conference adopted this first section of the report, and the fourth and fifth by-laws were repealed.

SEC. 2. We also recommend that the eleventh article of our by-laws be repealed.

On motion, the second section was adopted and the eleventh article of our by-laws was repealed.

SEC. 3. We also recommend that the minister who knowingly rebaptises openly violates the Discipline of our Church.

On motion, the third section was adopted.

SEC. 4. We also recommend that the supernumerary list shall be composed of ITINERANT MINISTERS ONLY, who are willing to work in any part of the district, on the call of the President.

On motion, the fourth section was adopted.

SEC. 5. We also recommend that no minister be placed on the superannuated list unless he has been an ITINERANT ELDER fourteen years.

On motion, the fifth section was adopted.

SEC. 6. We also recommend that ministers, to be left in the hands of the President, must be editors, professors in schools, colleges, and Sabbath-school agents.

On motion, the sixth section was adopted.

SEC. 7. We also recommend that no minister be allowed the relation of a missionary who is not willing to do the work enjoined in the fourth section of the eleventh article of the Constitution.

On motion, the seventh section was adopted.

SEC. 8. We also recommend that the relations of supernumerary, superannuated, professors in schools, Sabbath-school agents, do not entitle the minister so designated to a delegate or suffrage in the Conference.

On motion, the eighth section was adopted.

SEC. 9. We also recommend that the course of study enjoined by the Discipline, be insisted upon before a candidate shall be passed to the orders of the ministry.

On motion, the ninth section was adopted.

SEC. 10. We also recommend that a Methodist Protestant newspaper be established in the Georgia District.

On motion, the tenth section was adopted.

SEC. 11. We also recommend the Methodist Protestant, published in Baltimore, as the organ of our Church.

On motion the eleventh section was adopted.

SEC. 12. We also recommend that circuits be laid off in the following manner:

*Randolph Circuit*—No change.

*Laurel Branch Circuit*—No change.

*Walton Circuit*—No change.

*DeKalb Circuit*—Mechanicsville and Poplar Spring added.

*Tallapoosa Circuit*—Black's Church, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Lenity, Liberty, and Mt. Pleasant.

*Carroll Circuit*—Bowdon, Temple, Nashville, New Hope, and Farmville.

*Coweta and Palmetto Circuits*—To be joined together and called Palmetto Circuit.

*Spalding and Henry Circuits*—To be joined together and called Henry Circuit.

*Walker and Gordon Circuits*—To be joined together and called Oostanaula Circuit.

On motion, the twelfth section was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Joint Committee on Boundaries and the State of the Church was unanimously adopted as a whole, after a short discussion.

The Conference took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M. Public services in the interim. Preaching by the Rev. E. B. Fendley.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Conference reassembled.

It was moved and adopted that the ministers state their relation to the Conference for the next year, and the ministers responded.

*Itinerants*.—Thos. J. Biggers, E. B. Fendley, F. Weldon, O. Reeves, J. A. Farabee, S. C. Masters, J. A. McGarrity, Jno. G. Coldwell, W. J. Causey, S. Moore, J. O. A. Radford, Jno. Thurman.

*Supernumeraries*.—R. S. McGarrity, W. B. Armstrong, W. Shadric, G. W. Bryant, J. M. Langford, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Allen, I. G. Mitchell, F. H. M. Henderson, F. M. Brooks, E. Morris.

*Superannuated*.—Geo. Harlin, J. M. Miller, G. W. Morris, Jas. R. Turner, Anderson Smith.

*Located*.—T. E. Nash, H. G. Andrews, D. C. Stokes, T. T. Key, E. D. Corley, G. P. Southerlin, A. W.

Mitchell, T. A. Adams, S. H. Griffin, W. S. Johnson,  
J. A. Belcher, A. D. McKensey, A. Turner, W. J.  
Griffin, R. M. Aycock.

*Dropped.*—C. Webb, S. W. Thacker.

The Conference now took a recess and the Missionary Society was called to order by Rev. J. O. A. Radford, President, in the chair.

Brother C. L. Bowie, Treasurer, submitted the following report:

Permanent fund known as the Ogletree Fund .....	\$357 10	
Fund subject to draft .....	\$ 57 25	
Collections from subscribers to the Missionary Society:		
E. Morris paid.....	50 00	
I. G. Mitchell paid.....	50 00	
Geo. Harlin paid.....	10 00	
U. O. McConnell paid.....	10 00	
F. M. Allen paid.....	10 00	
Missionary Society No. 1 paid .....	10 50	
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Total amount subject to draft.....	\$197 75	
Draft in favor of F. H. M. Henderson.....		49 70
Draft in favor of E. B. Fendley.....		25 00
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	\$197 75	\$ 74 70
Balance to be added to Permanent Fund.....	123 05	
Permanent Fund.....		357 10
Amount added to Permanent Fund .....		123 05
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Total amount in the hands of the Treasurer on interest		\$480 15

On motion, adopted.

Brother J. W. Wallace paid his subscription, amount \$5, and took receipt from D. J. Moore, Treasurer Missionary District No. 1.

It was ordered by the Missionary Society that the amounts assessed to each circuit be republished and that the superintendents take up public collections to reimburse the Ogletree donation, and pay over the amounts collected to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

*Resolved*, That the amounts subscribed by the brethren to the Missionary Society at the last Annual Conference, Georgia District, and paid by the subscribers, shall be added to the Permanent Fund of said society, after paying the drafts of the Executive Committee for the past year, and that the interest alone shall be used for missionary purposes.

*Be it further resolved*, That the subscribers in arrears shall have until the session of the Annual Conference of 1874 to pay their subscriptions, with 10 per cent. added.

E. MORRIS.

Adopted.

THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE SEVERAL CIRCUITS TO REIMBURSE OGLETREE.  
FUND.

DeKalb Circuit.....	\$75 00	Oostanaula Circuit.....	\$25 00
Carroll Circuit.....	43 00	Walton Circuit.....	40 00
Randolph Circuit.....	40 00	Tallapoosa Circuit.....	30 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	60 00	Laurel Branch Circuit.....	15 00
Henry Circuit.....	35 00		

I. G. MITCHELL, Chairman.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Jno. Thurman.....	\$50 00	J. A. Farrabee.....	\$10 00
W. B. Armstrong.....	25 00	J. C. Sewell.....	10 00
W. P. Bryant.....	20 00	J. A. McGarrity.....	10 00
T. T. Key.....	10 00	Geo. Key.....	10 00
B. T. McGarrity.....	10 00	L. Simpson.....	5 00
J. M. Biggers.....	5 00	B. T. Kennedy.....	5 00

Missionary Society adjourned.

J. O. Radford, President—post-office, Rockmart, Ga.; Jno. G. Coldwell, Secretary—post-office, Bowdon, Ga.; C. L. Bowie, Treasurer—post-office, Social Circle.

The Conference was now called to order. The Committee on Pulpit Services made the following announcements:

Saturday evening, preaching by Rev. R. S. McGarrity.

Sabbath-school to meet at 9 o'clock A.M., Sabbath, and have a singing lesson.

Preaching at 11 A.M. by Rev. F. H. M. Henderson. Public collection before the sermon, to defray the incidental expenses of the Conference.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. J. O. A. Radford, assisted by O. Reeves, I. G. Mitchell, F. H. M. Henderson, and W. B. Armstrong.

Preaching at 3 P.M., by Rev. Jno. G. Coldwell.

Preaching at 7 P.M., by Rev. I. G. Mitchell.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Brother E. B. Fendley, to meet at 8½ A.M., Monday.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY 8½ A. M.

The Conference met and was opened with reading and prayer by O. Reeves.

Roll called. A quorum being present the minutes of Saturday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Journals made the following report:

We have examined the Journal of the last Conference, and find the business correctly recorded, and no unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

Adopted.

Conference steward made the following report:

The public collection taken up to defray the incidental expenses of the Conference, on Sabbath, was \$27.80. Collections to publish the minutes—from members of Conference—\$14.30. Total, \$42.10.

On motion, it was paid over to Jno. G. Coldwell, Chairman of the Publishing Committee.

On motion of E. Morris, ten dollars was ordered to be paid to the Secretary for services, and the remainder to be applied to printing our minutes.

On motion, the Conference took up the Maryland Annual Conference resolutions.

On motion, this Conference unanimously agree with the Maryland Annual Conference in the call of a General Convention, and that our delegates be clothed with conventional powers, and have power to act.

The Committee on Finance submit the following report:

That the first quarterly meeting, by a committee, assess the superintendent's salary, and apportion the same to each church according to their ability to pay. Further, we recommend that the churches take into

consideration the necessity of their minister and make early provisions for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. ADAMSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Statistics submitted the following report:

	Churches.	Members.	Val. Ch. Pr'p'ty	Quarterage.
Carroll Circuit.....	8	450	\$2,500 00	\$450 00
Henry Circuit.....	5	163	900 00	104 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	4	218	1,130 00	190 90
DeKalb Circuit.....	4	236	2,900 00	95 00
Van Wert Circuit.....	3	105	500 00	50 00
Spalding Circuit.....	4	143	1,400 00	40 00
Gordon Circuit.....	4	60	150 00	.. ..
Laurel Branch Circuit....	2	100	300 00	.. ..
Walker Circuit.....	5	158	300 00	40 00
Randolph Circuit.....	3	150	1,000 00	250 00
Walton Circuit.....	4	251	1,000 00	95 00
Atlanta Station.....	..	...	1,000 00	.. ..
Mechanicsville Mission...	2	33	400 00	15 00
Total.....	48	2,067	13,480 00	1,339 00

On motion, the report was adopted.

The election of delegates to the General Conference be now taken up.

The following were declared elected to the General Conference:

*Ministerial Delegates.*—F. H. M. Henderson, J. O. A. Radford.

*Lay Delegates.*—Jno. B. McDaniel, C. L. Bowie.

*Alternates.*—Geo. Harlin, S. H. Griffin, J. W. Adamson, C. T. Hancock.

Committee on Expenses of Delegates to the General Conference make the following assessment:

Randolph Circuit, \$20; Carroll Circuit, \$25; Henry Circuit, \$25; Oostanaula Circuit, \$20; Laurel Branch Circuit, \$5; DeKalb Circuit, \$30; Palmetto Circuit, \$25; Walton Circuit, \$30; Tallapoosa Circuit, \$20.

The report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the superintendents collect, as soon as practicable, the assessments upon their circuits, and forward the same to Rev. I. G.



Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga., to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference.

The Stationing Committee made the following report:

*Randolph Circuit.*—J. A. McGarrity, Superintendent; W. J. Causey, Itinerant Assistant.

*Laurel Branch Circuit.*—To be supplied.

*Walton Circuit.*—Thos. M. Moore, Superintendent.

*DeKalb Circuit.*—E. B. Fendley, Superintendent; S. C. Masters, Itinerant Assistant.

*Tallapoosa Circuit.*—Thos. J. Biggers, Superintendent; Jno. Thurman, Itinerant Assistant.

*Carroll Circuit.*—Jno. G. Coldwell, Superintendent; F. H. M. Henderson, President Bowdon College.

*Palmetto Circuit.*—J. A. Farrabee, Superintendent; S. Moore, Itinerant Superintendent.

*Henry Circuit.*—F. Weldon, Superintendent.

*Oostanaula Circuit.*—E. Bags, Superintendent; O. Reeves, Itinerant Assistant.

Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, President of Bowdon College.

Rev. E. Morris, Sabbath-school Agent.

On motion of I. G. Mitchell, the Rev. Jno. G. Coldwell and Rev. F. H. M. Henderson are sent to the next Annual Conference of the Alabama District, as fraternal messengers.

Rev. I. G. Mitchell moved that Rev. Jno. G. Coldwell be placed in charge of the PROTESTANT ADVOCATE, and proceed to publish it as early as possible, and give a full report to the next Annual Conference.

*Publishing Committee.*—Jno. G. Caldwell, F. H. M. Henderson, D. J. Moore.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to our Baptist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and to the M. E. Church, South, for the offer of their house. Also to the Christians and friends of this community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Conference.

D. J. MOORE.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.



Question—Where shall the next Annual Conference be held?

Answer—Morris Church, DeKalb county, Georgia, Wednesday, December 2, 1874, 10 A.M. Introductory sermon by R. S. McGarrity, 11 A.M.

Conference now adjourned with singing and prayer by Rev. Jno. G. Coldwell.

J. O. A. RADFORD, President.

JNO. G. COLDWELL, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—The members of the Conference will be met with conveyances, at Atlanta, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st and 2d December, 1874.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of the Georgia District.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries to travel in the bounds of said district.

ARTICLE 3. Any person contributing one dollar shall be a member of this Society, so long as they may contribute that amount annually.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of said Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Society.

ARTICLE 5. This Society shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference. The members of the Conference shall transact the business of the Association.

ARTICLE 6. Every minister shall present the object of this Association whenever practicable, and solicit contributions to carry out its object, and pay over the same to the treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. The funds contributed shall be employed in compensating such missionaries and preachers as shall be employed by the Society, or its authorities.

ARTICLE 8. The selection and appointment of missionaries for the Association shall be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of six members—three ministers and three laymen—appointed by the Association, one of whom shall be president for the time being, whose duty it shall be to employ missionaries to travel in the bounds of the district, and to define their duties, and fix their compensation, and to pay over to them the same out of the moneys that may be in the treasury, and draw on the treasurer for the same, and report to the Association annually all their acts and doings.

ARTICLE 10. The President and Secretary of the Conference shall, by virtue of their offices, be President and Secretary of the Association.

## BY-LAWS OF THE GEORGIA DISTRICT.

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I. No member shall take a seat as a member of the Conference until he has traveled under its authority, or the direction of the President, a sufficient time for a lay delegate to be constitutionally elected to take a seat with him: *Provided*, a lay delegate shall have been elected.

II. No layman shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference, without proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of his election; and, where alternates are elected, the certificates shall express it.

III. The lay delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters of the circuits and stations, in the following manner:

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to notify the Societies, at his first appointment after the third quarterly meeting, that at his next appointment the election of delegates to the Annual Conference will take place in each Society.

2. The Superintendent and Class Leader shall superintend the election, but, in case of the absence of the Superintendent or Class Leader, or both, the Society shall appoint some person or persons to superintend the election in each Society, by receiving the tickets of all the voters, who shall then count, seal up, and transmit a full list of all the names of the voters, and the number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the Society, to the next Quarterly Conference, to be opened in the presence of the Conference, counted over by the Chairman and Secretary, assisted by two laymen, and the individual or individuals having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and be furnished with certificates accordingly. In case of a tie, the members of the Quarterly Conference shall decide the election by a majority of votes.

IV. It shall be the duty of ministers and preachers to read, or cause to be read, the historical preface, the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitu-

tion of the Methodist Protestant Church, once a quarter, in all our churches.

V. The Conference will not receive into membership, or elect to orders, any preacher or minister who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church, as set forth in our Articles of Religion.

VI. The second article of the Constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail Discipline, should be understood as to apply to the seekers of religion only, and that each church may admit to full membership persons applying on their profession of faith in Christ, and a knowledge of their sins forgiven.

VII. The President has no power, during recess of the Conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said circuit or station, or its authorities, unless the delegates from said circuit or station consent thereto, when the report of the Standing Committee may be adopted by the Conference.

VIII. It shall require a majority of all votes, of all the members present, to constitute an election in the Conference.

IX. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of Conference.

X. In case of the death of any of our ministers in the interval of Conference, it shall be the duty of the President, at the next session, to appoint some brother to preach a funeral discourse, as a tribute of respect to the deceased, at some hour during the sitting of Conference.

XI. Each church shall elect and send up a delegate to the Quarterly Conference, or so soon thereafter as practicable, whose duty, when assembled, it shall be to apportion the preachers' salary among the churches, in proportion to their numbers and their ability to pay, and that each church appoint a Steward to collect the same. Should the peculiarity of the circuit render any other plan more efficient to carry out the object contemplated, the churches should pursue the course which to them may seem best.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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I. The Conference shall be opened by the President, or in his absence, the Secretary, by reading a portion of the Scriptures and prayer, and adjourn by singing and prayer.

II. The roll shall be called, and when a quorum is present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, when any member may call for a reconsideration of any portion of minutes of the preceding day.

III. When any member is disposed to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President.

IV. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

V. All questions shall be distinctly and audibly put in this form by the President: All who are in favor of the motion say aye, those of the contrary opinion, nay; and every member of the body shall vote on all questions of business relating to the Conference, unless excused.

VI. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once, until all who wish shall have spoken; and no member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at each time, without the consent of the Conference.

VII. The motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the President or any member.

VIII. All motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President, or, if in writing, shall be read, audibly, by the Secretary, before debated; and when any question is under debate, no motion shall be admitted, unless to amend, commit, adjourn, or for the previous question: *Provided*, a standing committee shall be in order to report at any time.

IX. The last motion, most distant time, and largest sum, shall be first in order, but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order without debate.

X. Should any member differ from the President on a rule of order, the question shall be submitted to the Conference.

XI. No member shall withdraw during business hours, without leave from the President.

XII. The President shall, at all times, see that good order is preserved.

XIII. The proceedings of the Conference shall be recorded in a fair hand by the Secretary, and signed by the President.

XIV. The Secretary shall take charge of all the books, journals, records and proceedings of the Conference, and carry or transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

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